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SUBJECT: ROK AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS TO VISIT ROMANIA

REF: A) SEOUL 8615, B) BELGRADE 7499, C) SEOUL 9344 (ALL NOTAL)

1. MOFA EUROPE DIVISION III CHIEF (EASTERN EUROPE) KIM YUN-TAEK TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 11 THAT ROK AMBASSADOR TO THE HAGUE CHOE WAN-POK RECEIVED A ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC VISA FOR TOURIST PURPOSES FROM THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE HAGUE ABOUT 1 DECEMBER. VISA IS VALID FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS, KIM SAID. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED ROK AMBASSADOR TO ASK HIM TO POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ROMANIA TEMPORARILY. KIM BELIEVES ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT VISA ISSUANCE.

2. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS THAT A ROK AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC VISA FROM AN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY. ROK AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND RECEIVED YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC TOURIST VISA AND VISITED YUGOSLAVIA NOVEMBER 9-14 (REFTELS). ACCORDING TO MOFA, THIS IS FIRST VISIT FOR ROK DIPLOMAT TO ROMANIA, ALTHOUGH ROK DELEGATE DID ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BUCHAREST SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

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3. IF VISIT MATERIALIZES, AMBASSADOR CHOE WILL PROBABLY
CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY BUCHAREST DURING HIS STAY.
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